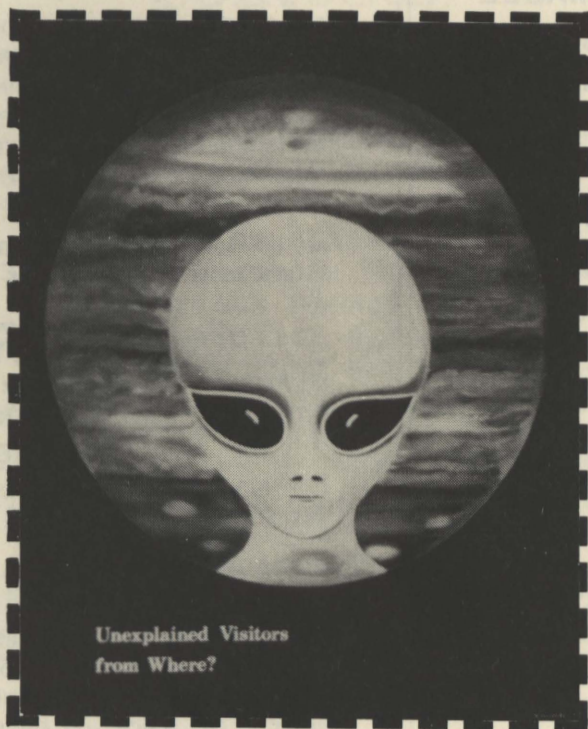




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EDITORIAL

The year 1988 proved to be an outstanding and very successful period in the life of the Victorian UFO Research Society.

It was marked again by record growth in Membership and patronage as well as further improvements in relationships with the Scientific World, Government and The Military, as these organizations start to use our expertise and refer more and more good sightings directly to us.

Our administration methods have improved with the addition of new technology, methods and of course new Committed Members to assist us in providing the best possible service to members and the community.

Our friends overseas have been more than helpful and have assisted us to the maximum, I trust we have helped them in some way, as we do appreciate there wonderful work, and we are more than happy to call them our very good friends.

Numerous sightings, the Knowles encounter, increased research, increased data storage, use of computers and the new format of the Magazine have been just

some of the key landmarks, for the year 1988.

Sightings are increasing in our area and we now have so much work to research, we have become quite overloaded, thus the trend seems very exciting.

1988 has also marked a turning point in our Society research capabilities, as we are now able to do 99% of the scientific research in Australia rather than impose on our American friends as we have had to do over the many years. In the not too distant future, if plans eventuate we will also be able to do PHOTOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS in Victoria.

With hundreds of man hours worth of research, miles of travel the Knowles research still goes on. It is the Society policy not to publish until the very best research has been done, although we could, like some publish early with anything, either to say "WE WERE FIRST" or "FOR THE MONEY", but that's not my style, nor is it the Society method.

The subject is too important to be treated as trivial and to be beaten up in

the press, its also too complex for a few pages in our magazine, the community deserves the best possible research and that's what I hope we have been able to do.

That report is now ready and we trust you will, despite cost, purchase a copy as they come back from the printers. I wish it could be larger but to publish all the material we have collected is beyond the Society bank balance.

Again we are proud to be associated with the people who have made up some of the best UFO encounters in Australia, no less, the World, (FATHER GILL, FREDERICK VALENTICH, QUENTIN FOGARTY, MELTON POLICE ENCOUNTER, KNOWLES FAMILY etc) our thanks to them and there families.

I have been editor and producer of the Magazine since March 1985, 4 years, and I trust with all our problem we have been providing the best information and service, from the best authorities.

Too all the UFO GROUPS and UFOLOGIST who make our Magazine possible, our sincere thanks, keep up the good work, and we hope the association is a long and friendly one.

Have a fruitful 1989.

JOHN.W.AUCHETTI

Research

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THE PROCESS OF PARTICLE ANALYSIS

The process of Particle Analysis is not just expensive but also a very time consuming process. It also suffers from what I call the uncertainty of the specimen that you have got under investigation.

That's when thing get very complicated. What do you looks at. Because of your limited budget you need to make some dramatic decisions and try and identify your target material for analysis.

RESEARCH STANDARDS

That is have you collected the right sample, not so much in the investigation stages when you were taking samples from the location of the UFO encounter, but later when after you magnify a very small area so that it now becomes a magnificent scene of boulders and soil, of different shapes, sizes and quantity.

Well with the aid of one of the finest research Universities in the World, the staff of Monash University have completed some of the finest work that can be produced.

These conclusion have been double checked by two other Laboratories as a back up to

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the original and main research.

To make positive identification of the particle, we needed to analyze, (in fact this is the largest part of the analysis) a majority of the particle on the slides. Then by way of documented reference / match, or better still, a test with a similar material that will produce the exact output of the particle in question, we are able to come to some positive result.

This method of investigation proved in our opinion very successful as no conclusions were drawn until a successful likeness was identified.

The method of a Blind Sample was incorporated in some tests for some reliability to be accepted, and utmost care, against possible sample contamination was taken.

THE PROCESS METHODS

The process was broken up into seven definite stages, and these were;

(1) XRAY MICRO ANALYSIS

This process required the samples to be mounted on a microscope slide, carbon coated for conductivity and mounted and inserted into a CAMBRIDGE SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE & PROBE.

A Xray microanalysis was taken of a sample in question from a analysis point chosen on each sample.

After which a Xray Spectra was printed out as a record of the analysis.

For verification another make of machine, which performed a similar analysis was also used. (ARL SEMQ/2 ELECTRON MICRO PROBE & XRAY ENERGY SPECTROSCOPY UNIT).

By analysis of the Xray Spectra produced by the electron bombardment of the target area, a result is produced.

This method is capable of providing rapid identification, based on approximate elemental concentrations simply by peak height determinations.

Sample volume analyzed is in the order of 5-10 cubic microns.

An idea of what the surface particle are, is established, and what elements were located in that area of investigation.

(2) ELECTRON MICROSCOPE PHOTOGRAPHY

The second process was to do a visual investigation of the particle, and this was done by massive magnification so that the particle surface area is enlarged enough to give us a idea of the texture and structure of the particle.

(3) CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

The third method and in my opinion the most difficult, because of the lack of sample available and the decision, that once this analysis was completed, ever particle you had used was now totally destroyed and therefore a complete loss to further and may I say better methods of investigation.

Yet to establish some facts about the origin of the material in question this method was used, yet may I say with great care and supervision on my behalf.

(4) CRYSTAL STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS

This method of investigation was needed to establish the crystal type of the main black particle, and to identify if they were IONIC/MOLECULAR/INFINITE COVALENT/OR METALLIC.

(5) SEARCH/COLLATION/CROSS REFERENCE AND TYPE MATCH FROM OTHER RESEARCH TEXTS AND DATA AT THE UNIVERSITY

With the results returned a search was made for similar products or make up in either nature or industry.

This was necessary to try and establish its origin and method of production (was it man made, natural or origins unknown).

(6) OTHER SCIENTIST OPINION AND COMMENTS

The advice and comments of other specialist in specific fields and organizations were collected and sorted to establish a wider investigation and research data base in the hope that some one would be able to identify the said particle.

(7) AND ANY OTHER METHOD THAT WAS SUGGESTED OR UNDERTAKEN DURING THE INVESTIGATION

Through the many experiments and analysis hours, other methods that would establish or clear up points of contention were carried out.

These may have been experiments or test that lasted only minutes but in my opinion, had to be done just to close

that door on speculation and criticism.

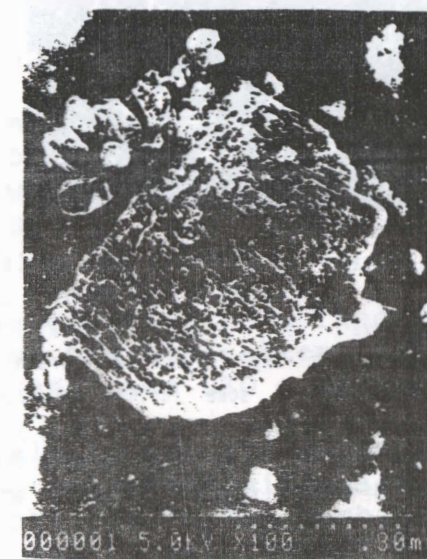
IMMEDIATE POSSIBILITIES

There was SEVEN possibilities that had to be investigated first!

And they were;

BRAKE LINING DUST, LOCAL SOILS, CAR TYRE RESIDUE, POOL CHLORINE, AND PVC PLASTIC, BAKELITE, AND ANY FORM OF RADIO ACTIVE MATERIAL OR PARTICLE RESIDUE.

For this article and due to space, the above possibilities have been ruled out.



POSSIBLE CONCLUSION

The LARGE BLACK PARTICLE have been described by researches as having over proportions of CHLORINE element, present in all samples as well as large amounts of POTASSIUM elements as a CHLORIDE SALT.

They were also unusual because of there BLACK COLOUR and that some cooling under high velocity was evident (VELOCITY PARTICLE), with a PLATE like structure.



The presence of SULPHUR in these samples was also unexplained and no evidence of Explosive Gun powder combinations existed, yet the Sulphur was extremely interesting and some further research possibilities exist because of this, yet research in that field was outside the cost of the immediate research, and therefore not done.

The current opinion is that the particle origin is still unknown and not a result of a industrial material or process, or natural sediment or foundation.

And that further research was warranted.

V.U.F.O.R.S. REPORT

The report on the Knowles case is now completed, and if you wish to purchase a very detailed account and research study on this encounter, the Society is now accepting orders.

Because of its cost we have a limited edition coming from the printers, (100 copies), and any future runs will be determined by the public response and sales.

The cost of \$25.00 AUST, was rather higher than we expected. This is due to the number of pages (2by 100 A4), printed on both sides with photographs and diagrams and the most relevant material from the now over 400 page original master report.

If you are interested, just write to our address and place an order. All orders will be fulfilled as soon as possible.

JOHN WILLIAM AUCHETTL



Major Donald E. Keyhoe, USMC Ret.
(1897 - 1988)

Donald Edward Keyhoe, 91, a retired Marine Corps Major and a former Director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, died of pneumonia and cardiac arrest on November the 29th 1988, at the Life Care Centre in New Market, Va.

Major Keyhoe, who moved from Alexandria to Luray, Va in 1969, wrote two books on the subject of UFO. "Flying Saucers Are Real" was published in 1950 and "Flying Saucers from Outer Space" was published in 1953.

As director of the committee on which he worked from 1956 to 1969, he spent much of his time attempting to persuade the Air Force to Investigate UFO sightings.

"We want the Air Force merely to end its secrecy on sightings and stop ridiculing competent witnesses." Major Keyhoe said in a 1966 article in the Washington Post. He said that his goal was to get the Air Force to support the Committees contentions that UFO's exist.

Major Keyhoe, a native of Ottumwa, Iowa, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1919. He then became a Marine Corps Officer and served in the Marine Corps for five years and the Naval Aviation Training Station in Pensacola, Florida and attained the rank of Major before retiring in 1923 as a result of a plane crash injury.

During the 1920s, he was an editor with the Coast and Geodetic Survey and an information officer with the Civil Aeronautics Branch of the Commerce Department, later to become the Federal Aviation Administration.

Major Keyhoe was an aide to Charles A. Lindbergh in 1927 when Lindbergh made his first solo, nonstop flight from New York to Paris and manager of the U.S. tour of Admiral Byrd's North Pole Plane.

During the 1930s and the 1940s, Major Keyhoe was a free lance writer who work appeared in such publications as The Nation, The Saturday Evening Post and Reader's Digest.

During World War II he served with the Naval Training Division.

Originally a skeptic about UFOs, he under took an Investigation for TRUE MAGAZINE, that was to change his life dramatically.

Survivors include his wife, the former Helen Gardner of Luray, Twin Daughters, Katherine and Caroline Keyhoe, both of Hyattsville, a son Joseph Keyhoe of Bethesda and a sister, Katherine Keyhoe of Ashville, N.C.

Man Keeps Tabs On Strange Events

LINCOLNTON — George Fawcett reels off little factoids about UFOs and Bigfoot creatures in a rapid-fire monotone, as if he were a military man giving name, rank and serial number.

"Did you see the movie, 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind'? About 95% of that was true. It was based on Project Blue Book, an Air Force project.

"There are about 150 reports a day, worldwide. Sixty-five percent are at night, but 35% are in broad daylight.

"Only about 10% of the people who see UFOs report them. And 20% to 30% of the reports can't be explained away.

"There have been 30 crashes in six states over 40 years. With bodies recovered.



Allen Norwood

Also, "Other people have documented Bigfoot creatures getting off UFOs."

It was that last tidbit, the alleged connection between UFOs and Bigfoot creatures, that introduced me to Fawcett.

I wrote a silly piece about the Lizard Man of Bishopville, S.C., and then a second column about a reported sighting of a similar creature closer to Charlotte. Fawcett asked for the names of my sources. He wanted to get in touch with them, to ask questions of his own.

George Fawcett, you see, is this area's expert on UFOs, Bigfoot, Lizard Man and related stuff.

Here are some more little tidbits we'll call factoids: Fawcett, 59, has been a buff 44 years. He has amassed 30 file cabinets of clippings, letters, and similar documents. He has spent \$30,000 of his own money tracking down and talking to



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people who reported UFOs and weird creatures.

In 1975, he published a paperback on UFOs. He has written scads of newspaper pieces, and been written about nearly as often. He founded four UFO organizations, including the Tar Heel UFO Study Group.

He is assistant state director of the Mutual UFO Network, an organization of several thousand buffs who collect and swap information. For 18 years, he has issued annual reports on North Carolina UFO activity. His 1986 report cited eight incidents, from such places as Maiden, Shelby and Bessemer City.

To be honest, I'm a skeptic about the whole business. But Fawcett absolutely is convinced.

"People ask me if I believe in UFOs," he said. "I say certainly not — but I do recognize they exist."

Well, maybe. . . .

Whatever, Fawcett and his collection certainly are fascinating.

Fawcett's mound of memorabilia, for which he wants to establish a UFO museum, is too massive to digest at one sitting. Since it was the Lizard Man that fetched me to Fawcett's family room,

down the hill a few shaded blocks from the Lincoln County courthouse, let's stick to that topic.

"I still think the young man in Bishopville saw Bigfoot," Fawcett said. "And other people have documented Bigfoot creatures getting off UFOs."

Fawcett interviewed a woman in New Hampshire who told him Bigfoot creatures are put out by UFOs to scare humans away from landing sites.

The fellow I quoted in my second Lizard Man column said Lizard Men and UFOs are somehow linked, although he wouldn't speculate how.

Fawcett interviewed several people after an alleged incident involving both a Bigfoot creature and a UFO.

"In 1972, in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, they were followed by a Bigfoot creature. It got closer and closer. Just before they were about to experience an encounter, a UFO came down between them and the Bigfoot."

Fawcett personally stops short of trying to explain the connection between UFOs and Bigfoot, or Lizard Man. "I don't like the idea of trying to explain one mystery with another."

There are a couple of questions an admitted skeptic is obliged to ask about UFOs and Lizard Men, so I did.

"I don't know where they come from," Fawcett said, "and I won't guess."

"They are a threat to national security. Some are hostile; some are friendly. We're trying to copy their technology."

Fawcett said the "ridicule barrier," the jibes and pokes he took when he first became interested in UFOs, is nearly gone. And a Gallup Poll last year explains why: Forty-nine percent of Americans believe UFOs are real, while only 30% say they're imaginary.

Fawcett also said sightings following patterns — and seem to go up during election years. "We always have a wave at presidential elections," he said with a chuckle. "Some people say it's a way to get people's minds off politics."

Well, maybe. . . .

Wonder whether the Lizard Man of Scape Ore Swamp is a Democrat or Republican?

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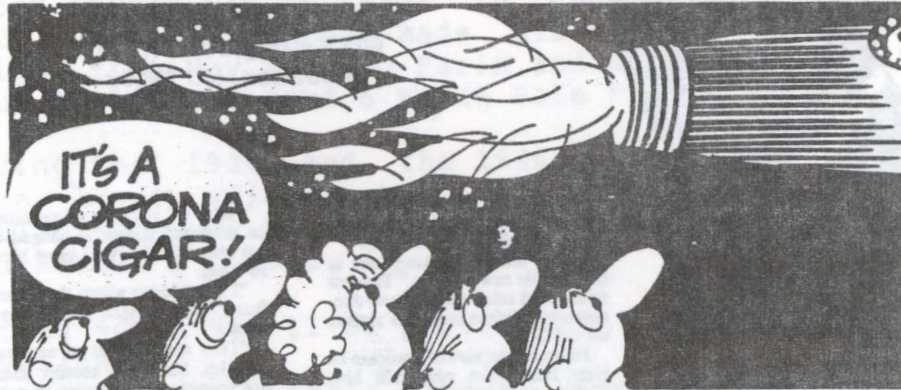
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OBSERVER, CHARLOTTE, NC, 30 OCT 1988

PRESS:



NUNAWADING couple Winston and Winifred Jones, of Abelia St, had always regarded the subject of UFOs with an open mind.

Until last Tuesday night, that is.

And now, they're not so sure.

The two were playing cards with three friends at their home at about 8.30 pm when Mr Jones and one of their guests went outdoors to have a cigarette.

"Suddenly they shouted to us and we rushed outside to see a cigar-shaped object, aflame from end to end, streaking across the sky from the south east to the west," Mrs Jones said.

"It was about the size of a jumbo jet, but flying much lower than a normal plane.

"I thought it must be a Russian satellite coming down, but there was absolutely no sound at all.

"It seemed to hover overhead for quite a time and then moved upwards

NUNAWADING GAZETTE, Wednesday, September 21, 1988

and away from us at great speed.

"I still don't know if it was a UFO, but certainly none of us had ever seen anything like it before in our lives."

Mrs Jones said two young neighbors also witnessed the flight of the mystery object.

She is keen to hear from any other readers who may have seen it on that night too.

MR & MRS JONES
MELBOURNE
VICTORIA

UFOs puzzle

WELLINGTON: Two policemen were among six people who reported sighting a large bright white object hovering high over Wellington.

A police spokesman said four calls were received shortly after midnight about the object, which was seen for about 10 minutes.

Radar screens at Wellington airport were clear.

A spokesman said police were baffled by the sightings, but one possible explanation was light reflecting off ice particles in the atmosphere.

The sighting comes after Fiji's Civil Aviation Authority issued a UFO warning to aircraft on Thursday after hundreds of people reported a mysterious silver object north of Fiji.

SUNDAY PRESS, JANUARY 22, 1989

Wonders of a still mysterious planet



DAVID SUZUKI

The first of a series of occasional columns by the well-known environmentalist.

ONE of the questions I am asked most frequently is, "Do you believe in unidentified flying objects?" People are usually taken aback when I answer, "It's not a question of whether I believe in them, I know there are UFOs."

Usually I'm then asked, "Have you seen one?" Of course I've seen lots of UFOs — objects in the heavens whose identity I haven't known. I probably could have identified most of them if I had wished to pursue it, but usually I see a flash or something odd up there, think lazily, "I wonder what that was?" and forget about it.

My point is, a UFO is by definition unidentified. Many people immediately equate UFO with a spacecraft containing extraterrestrials (ETs). But then it would be an IFO, an identified flying object. I have seen no evidence to compel me to believe that we have been contacted by ETs.

Does that mean that I don't believe there could be ETs? Of course not. I think it is highly unlikely, but there could be. But we shouldn't confuse what we would

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like to see with what we know.

Unfortunately, many scientists tend to reject UFOs out of hand because of the equation of UFOs with ET spacecraft. I say unfortunately because I think the systematic study of UFOs could be an interesting field. You see, although scientists have gained an enormous amount of information

It is unfortunate if we must find mystery in the fictitious fantasies of extra-terrestrial beings... when there is so much to be found in the natural world around us.

In the past few decades, we have barely begun to describe and understand the complexity of the planet and the cosmos. It would be ridiculous to assume that we know so much about the world that everything spotted in the skies can ultimately be reduced to something we already know. There must be all kinds of atmospheric phenomena that we have never seen or identified.

A majority of North Americans believe in UFOs as alien visitors. Why? Perhaps in an increasingly secular age there remains a need to feel there is something bigger or superior out there.

I think people also react against the perception that scientists seem to know everything. People want mystery and excitement. Surely that's why there is such a large following for books and tabloids that proclaim evidence of the power of pyramids, ESP (extra-sensory perception), the Bermuda Triangle, quack cancer cures, plant communication and "chariots of gods".

In frustration, some scientists have established a society to debunk a lot of these notions. But I think the scientists are missing the boat. The public's need for

mystery and the extraordinary suggests that scientists have failed miserably to convey the essence of science itself. It is not just cut-and-dried facts.

Physicists confronted us long ago with the realization that in

order for a scientist to "see" nature, we have to change it. We have to pin it down, and in the process, we make what we are observing an artefact. Thus we can never know nature with absolute certainty, we can only have faith that our techniques provide us with a close approximation.

And if ever there was an area of human activity full of wonder and bizarre phenomena, it is science. I mean when a geologist looks out at a mountain range and tells us that it was caused by violent upheavals in the earth, when the

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Theories/facts

GEOFFREY Warrington (Letters, 10/11) seems rather confused about the distinction between facts and theories in science. As has been said in many other places, theories never become facts; theories explain facts. Without theories science is not science but merely a collection of data.

Doubtless Mr Warrington accepts that gravity is a fact

of life.. Newton's theory of universal gravitation provides a very accurate explanation of the facts of gravity. Einstein's general theory of relativity gives an even more accurate explanation.

There are several theories of evolution. These all provide more or less accurate explanations of the facts of evolution. We do not yet

have a theory of evolution which is as accurate in explaining the facts as Newton's theory is in the field of gravity. Until then evolution will continue to be an active field of research.

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LETTERS

sees whole continents breaking up, that is mind boggling.

Nothing is more bizarre to me than the world of astrophysics, where the sheer mass of bodies results in states of matter totally alien to us. Thus, for example, in black holes, the gravitational forces are so immense they alter the very relationships of atomic substructures. Even photons of light cannot overcome the pull of this mass, and within the body, time and distance become distorted. As Cornell astronomer Carl Sagan has written, black holes may be portals elsewhere and "elsewhen" in the universe.

In the biological world, there are wonders aplenty to keep us in awe. The great migrations of waterfowl, butterflies and salmon are inspirations. What triggers their movement and how are they able to navigate so accurately over such vast distances? How does a sprouting seed "know" which way is up and properly send the leaves skyward and roots

down? The many ways that plants have overcome the hazards of their inability to move are truly remarkable. The way a virus shanghaies a cell's machinery to reproduce more viruses, the way our bodies identify intruders and overcome them, the way insects communicate over immense distances — who can fail to be excited and enthralled by these yet to be fully understood phenomena in the natural world?

So I return to UFOs. I think it is unfortunate if we must find mystery in the fictitious fantasies of extra-terrestrial beings who visit this planet when there is so much to be found in the natural world around us. The reason scientists devote their lives so fanatically to research is that they are immersed in mystery and wonder every day. If there were more scientists like Dr Carl Sagan and Stephen Gould who could share that with the public, there would be no need for an organisation to debunk a lot of quack ideas. —END

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FANTASTIC UFO-MOVIE FROM HALLINGDAL

By Odd-Gunnar Røed and Mentz Kaarbo

Date: Sunday 13 July 1986

Time: From 0.50 to 3 am

Place: Breiset mountain farm, Torpo in the Hallingdal valley

Witnesses: Tove, Christer and Torfinn Tønning together with some friends

Nature of sighting: Lights seen and filmed at a distance

The night between Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 July 1986, the married couple Tove and Torfinn Tønning together with their son Christer and some friends were enjoying the fine nordic summernight. The location was the Breiset mountain farm near Torpo in the Hallingdal valley, Southern Norway. Suddenly, at 0.50 am, they realized that Mrs. Tønning was staring at the window, and asked why she was so astonished. "Look at the light up there!", she exclaimed. "Now it has ascended from the horizon and moved above two crossbars in the window!"

They all move outside the house, and Torfinn Tønning takes his videocamera with him. However, he discovers that the batteries are powerless, so he must use the cigarette-lighter in the car. With the camera firmly fixed on top of the car roof, he directs the lens towards the phenomenon, which is located in an easterly/northeasterly direction somewhere in the distance.

The first object

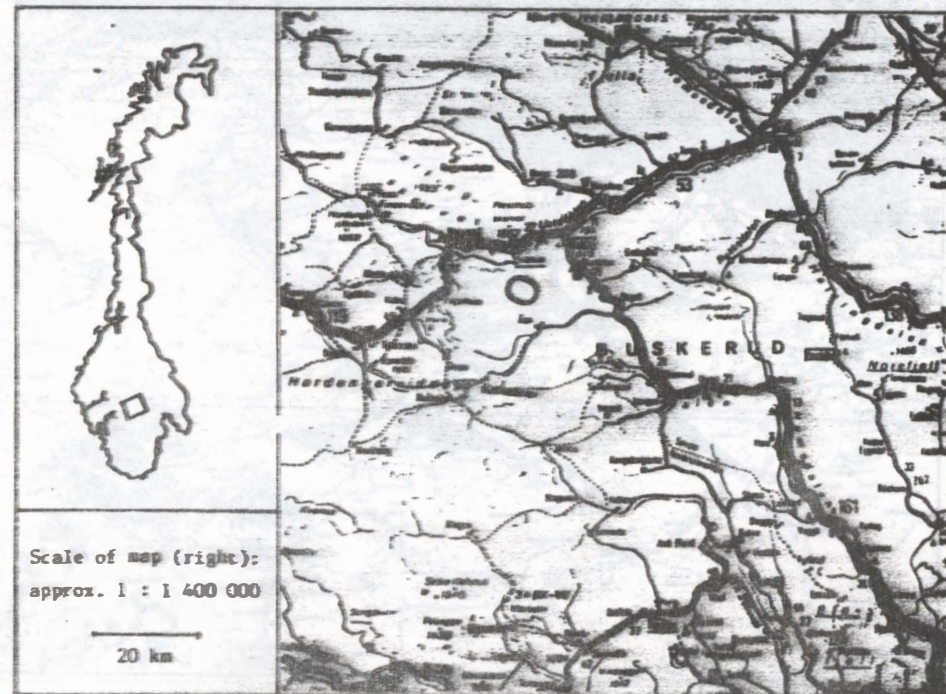
In addition to using the camera they also have the time to scan the phenomenon with a pair of powerful binoculars. With it, they can observe clearly discernible details. The object is oval at the top and bottom. In the middle, three clearly separable circular lights are situated. The object appears as if it is illuminated by these three lights, which has a blue-white colour. Simultaneously, Mr. Tønning observes some flashes of light coming downwards to the ground from the object. 10 to 12 flashes can be seen in each burst, evenly distributed in time. These blinks resemble that of a flashgun. Furthermore, the object spews out rapid sparks of light on each side; this particular phenomenon being especially clear and distinct.

An important feature regarding the object's movement, is the tilting to an angle of ca. 45° (with both sides alternately shifting position), together with the apparent manoeuvring towards and away from the witnesses. Moreover, ups and downs, more or less combined with sideways sliding, altogether give a complicated pattern of movement.

After some time, it descends to a hill permitting both the object and parts of the landscape to be visible in the same videoframe (although this feature couldn't be recognized in the subsequent analysis). After a short while it ascends so abruptly that Mr. Tønning is unable to keep pace with his camera. Certainly, no helicopter would be able to ascend that fast!

The second object

Gradually, Mr. Tønning becomes aware of a second object just as he and the others are observing the first one. The latter is located just opposite of the first, in a west/southwesterly direction and has a stronger (i.e. more colour-saturated), red-white hue. However, because this object seems to be at a much greater distance (it is considerably fainter), the appearance on the video is of a rather limited duration and quality. It is observed for a relatively short time, leaving the witnesses to study the first object more closely.

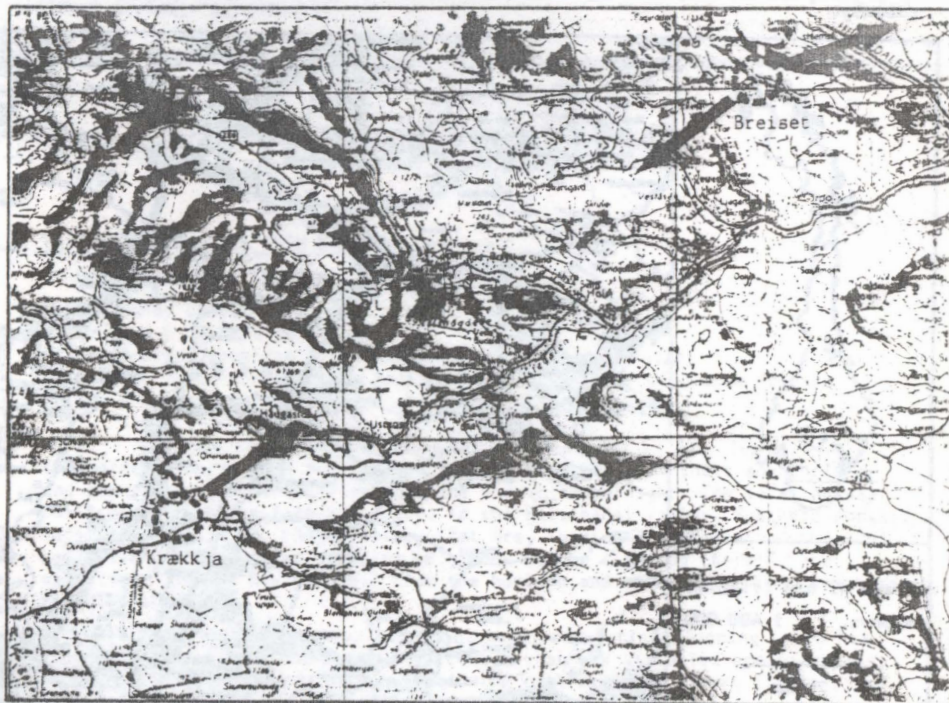


The videofilm lasts for about 10 minutes. The actual observation lasted to around 3 o'clock am, i.e. for more than two hours. Both objects disappeared at a great speed in a skewed angle to the horizon. Before disappearing, the main object became smaller and smaller, thus indicating a gradual withdrawal along the line of sight.

Support from other witnesses

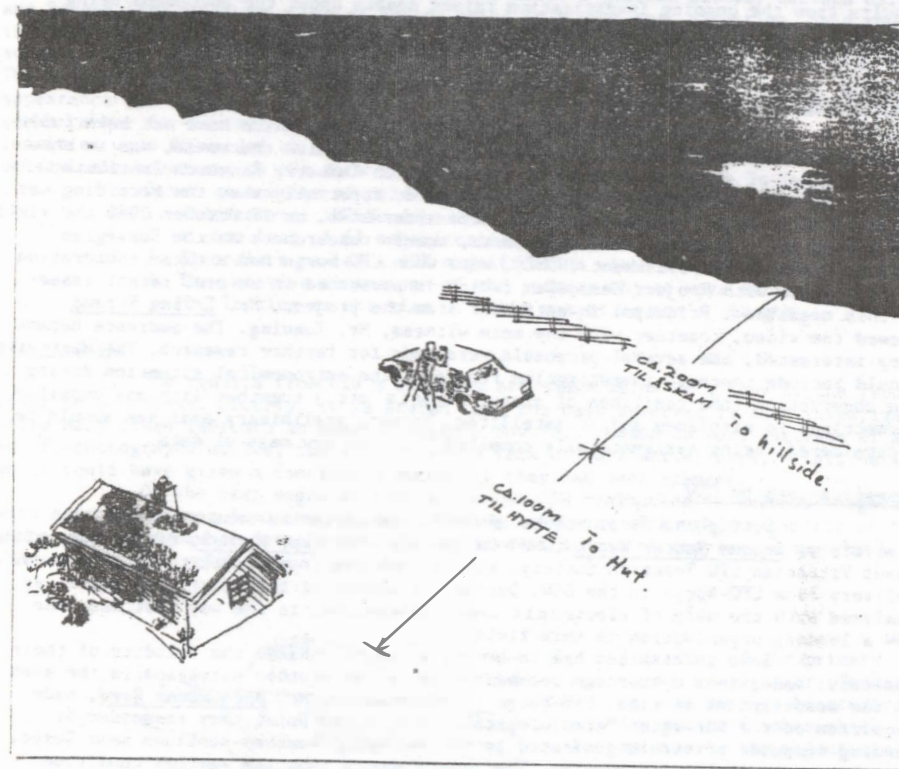
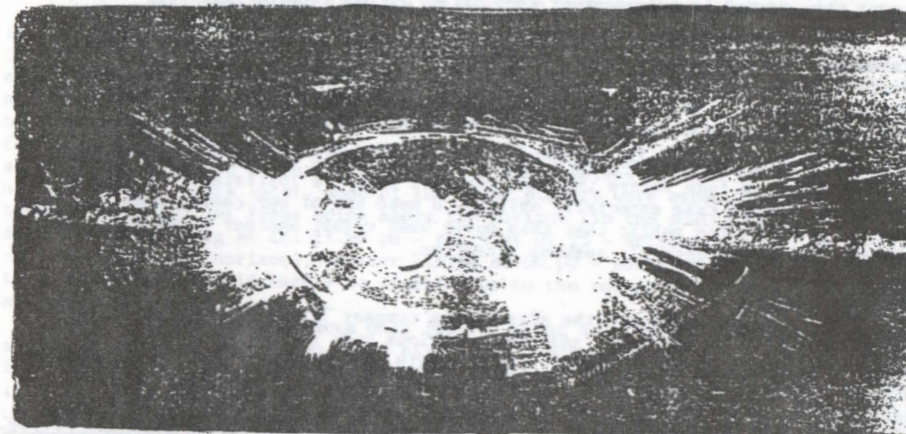
Just about a week later, UFO-Norge received a telephone call from Oslo from a woman who wanted to be anonymous. She told that she and her boyfriend had pitched their camp at a desolate mountain site called Krakkja (situated ca. 80 km WSW of Torpo) just before the actual observing date for the Tonnings. On 13 July at 2.20 am she happened to move outside the camping van and caught sight of a powerful light in the sky, which she at first believed to be the moon. The direction was ENE. However, she quickly realized that this couldn't be so, since the light moved and it wasn't as large as the moon. She looked at the phenomenon for 5 minutes and then went inside and woke up her boyfriend. Together they stood outside observing it for another 5 minutes until they both went inside in order to get warm again, due to the cold night.

A later analysis reveals that the direction of the object seen from Krakkja corresponds closely with that observed to the WSW by Mr. Tønning and his companions (the second object), after compensating for the geographical separation between the different observers (see map). Some clues indicate that the distance to the object seen from Krakkja was less than that seen from the Tonnings' place.



Map showing the observation sites together with the two objects' line of sight.

When Mr. Tønning replayed the videotape on his recorder at home, he was rather disappointed at first. The image of the phenomena captured by his camera didn't appear quite as impressive as the actual observation through binoculars. The video-camera was equipped with a zoom lens with an 6X magnification. However, when using the recorder's stationary image option, many of the details became visible again.



A drawing of the witness' impression.

Representatives from UFO-Norge in Tønsberg paid a visit to Mr. Torfium Tønning (living in the town of Skien, situated in the southeastern part of Southern Norway), after his case was briefly presented by the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation. The investigators were highly impressed by the movie together with the accompanying report, and shortly afterwards the research began to take shape.

One might add that Mr. Tønning is in his 40's, currently holds a position in the City Council, and is considered generally as a very reliable person; this certainly adds further credibility to his report.

Meanwhile, the case began to attract wide attention and the daily life of Mr. Tønning was affected rather severely. Newspapers and other mass-media were very interested and his telephone was never silent. Considering the commotion that his observation aroused, he would hardly make such an observation public once more, given the possibility of another spectacular UFO-sighting.

The representatives of UFO-Norge decided to wait a bit, just to let the commotion fade before the real analysis could be initiated. Our organization was in this case especially obliged to make use of our connections, in order to prove to the public that this movie wasn't just another elaborated fake, made by a person desperately seeking attention.

Financial support

In the meantime, the advertising company TED BATES located in Oslo became interested in the case, and took a serious view of the observation and the movie. They were willing to support the analysis economically, and the cooperation between UFO-Norge and this firm ran very smoothly from the beginning. However, their further involvement in the case depended somewhat on a positive response from their foreign business associates, the German publishing house Springer-Verlag. A couple of months after the initial contact with TED BATES, some of the preliminary results from the ongoing investigation raised doubts about the phenomena being bona fide UFOs. Although the matter is still unresolved, these indications at that time precluded further direct economical support from this source.

Further analysis of the movie

There still remain some aspects of the case which have not been fully investigated. However, one of the first things we did with the movie, was to show it to a panel of selected experts at the Norwegian Industry Research Institute (NIRI) in Oslo. The members were very impressed, especially when the recording was replayed on a large TV-screen. A short time afterwards, on 17 October 1986 the video was presented to another panel of experts, namely researchers at the Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (NDRE), with whom UFO-Norge had a close cooperation in connection with Project Hessdalen (which is presented in several recent issues of this magazine). Principal investigator from the project, Mr. Erling Strand showed the video, together with the main witness, Mr. Tønning. The audience became very interested, and several proposals were made for further research. The next steps should include thorough investigation regarding the astronomical situation during the observation (the positions of stars, planets etc.) together with any possible connections to airplanes and/or satellites. Former, preliminary analyses should be reconsidered, being systematically compiled into the new mass of data.

Investigations by GSW

During the first months of 1987, the movie was sent to extensive analysis at Ground Saucer Watch (GSW) in the USA. Mr. Paul Norman, of the Australian-based Victorian UFO Research Society, kindly took the responsibility of a personal delivery from UFO-Norge to the GSW. During the summer of this year, the movie was analysed with the help of electronic image processing, in the way that has made GSW a leading organisation in this field.

Some information had to be collected to enhance the validity of their analysis; among them a thorough documentation of the weather situation in the area at the actual point of time. UFO-Norge representative, Mr. Odd-Gunnar Røed, made inquiries at the Norwegian Meteorological Institute in Oslo; they responded by sending computer printouts generated by two automatic weather stations near Torpo, together with general information. The papers showed that the weather conditions on the observing date were fairly good; a cloudbase of some 1500-2500 metres,

varying in extent from 1/8 (a sunny, almost clear sky) during the evening of 12 July to 8/8 (completely overcast) the morning of 13 July. Visibility (underneath the clouds) was 75 kilometres or more. Together with other parameters, the data show that the phenomena very probably were seen underneath the clouds, which makes possible approximate estimates regarding their altitude and, indirectly, their distance.

Astronomically, a review of existing sources shows that the sun set in the WNW at about 10.30 pm (Norwegian summer time, i.e. at 8.30 GMT or UT) on 12 July; rising in ENE at 4.20 on the local horizon on 13 July. During the summer at these latitudes (60 degrees North), the sky is never dark, especially not the northern part of it. Even if the sky were partially obscured by clouds, it should be relatively easy to recognise the faint twilight caused by the sun situated not far below the horizon. The moon was not visible during the time of observation, since it set at 00.10 am in the west (on the night between 12 and 13 July) and rose at noon some 12 hours later. None of the major planets were especially favourable between 01 and 03 am: Venus being above the horizon (in the south) only during daytime; Mars rising at ca. 11.30 pm - south at 01.25 - setting at 03.13 am (being very low above the horizon); Jupiter rising at 00.00 - south at 05.40 - setting at 11.17 am. Saturn should hardly be visible due to the sun-glare during the afternoon and set just before 2 am.

Among these planets only Jupiter might be a suspect candidate for the second object seen from Torpo. This planet was comparatively high in a southerly direction during observing time, together with the fact that it shone with a clear, distinct light (astronomical magnitude - 2.6). But if the Krækkja-based observers saw the same object in the opposite direction (ENE) at the same time as that of Tønning's, this precludes such an explanation.

Regarding the air-traffic in the area, a general air-way between Oslo and Bergen lies 40-80 km south of Torpo; going in a west-east direction. This route is used mainly by jet planes, having a rather high velocity (700-800 km/h) at this stage in their flight pattern, resulting in a swift apparent motion in the sky. The altitude usually varies between 4500-8000 metres. The observed objects' stationary appearance may suggest a helicopter or some sort of a balloon, although this solution seems rather far-fetched at the moment. According to current information, no specific inquiries were forwarded to the Air Traffic Controllers of the area regarding any unusual air movements on the date in question.

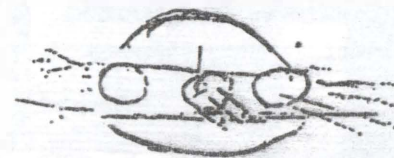
Other parameters of prime importance are listed below:

1. Videocamera: VHS Nordmende CV 155 (from 1986); equipped with a zoom lens of 6X magnification: 8-48 mm; f/1.2
2. Binoculars having a 12X magnification with an aperture of 50 mm
3. The relative dimensions of the primary object were estimated by Mr. Tønning as the size of a big pea at an arm's length

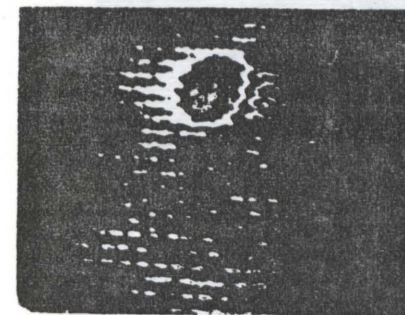
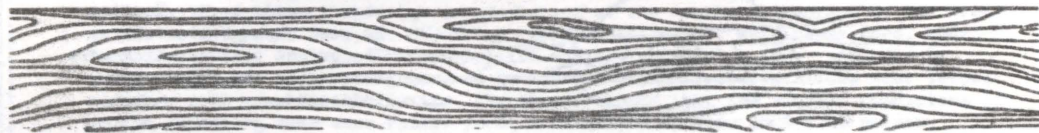
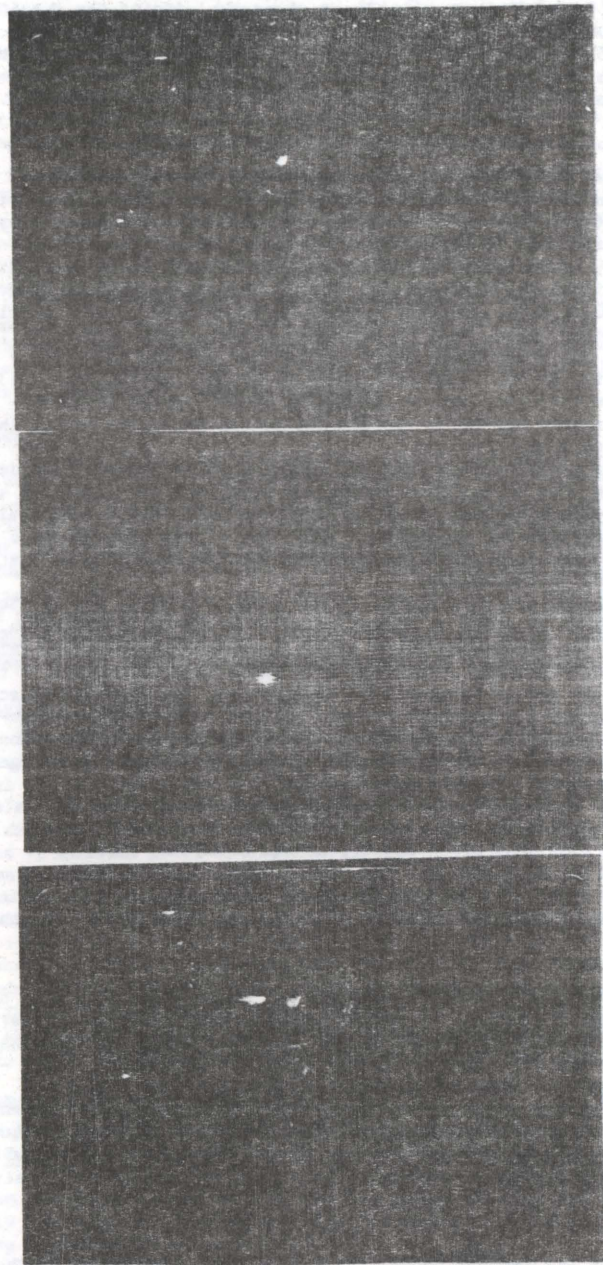
The verdict

The results from GSW's analysis are shown below in a copy of the report given to UFO-Norge. Clearly, it is stated that the case deserves further investigation, while many clues indicate an unknown source. However, common to most analyses of alleged UFO-photographs/movies, there is always a lack of substantial data; - information which could have given a conclusive answer if they had been present.

On the next pages we have given the GSW evaluation in extenso, together with selected photos from the image processing sessions. Although the quality of the photos may be somewhat deteriorated during several stages of copying, we hope that at least they are of some value to our readers.

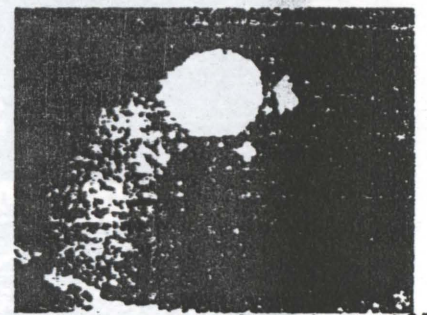


A drawing of the primary object, made by Mr. Tønning as seen through binoculars. The bright flashes which were emitted by the object are indicated.



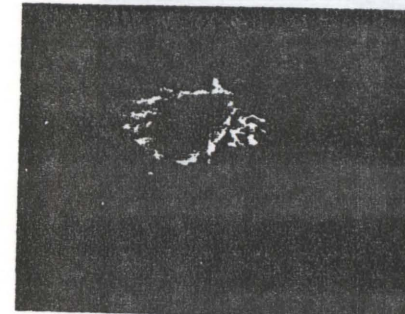
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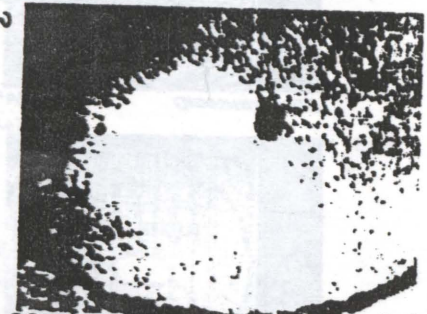
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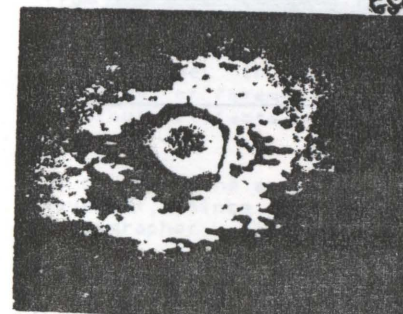
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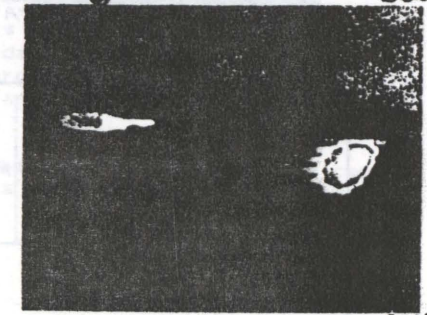
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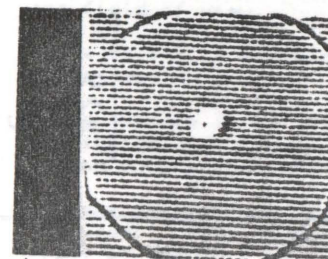
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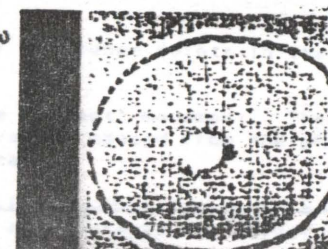
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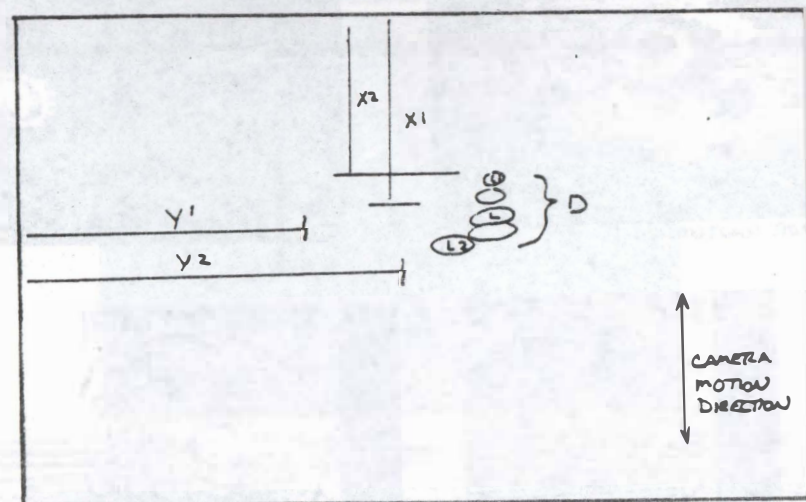
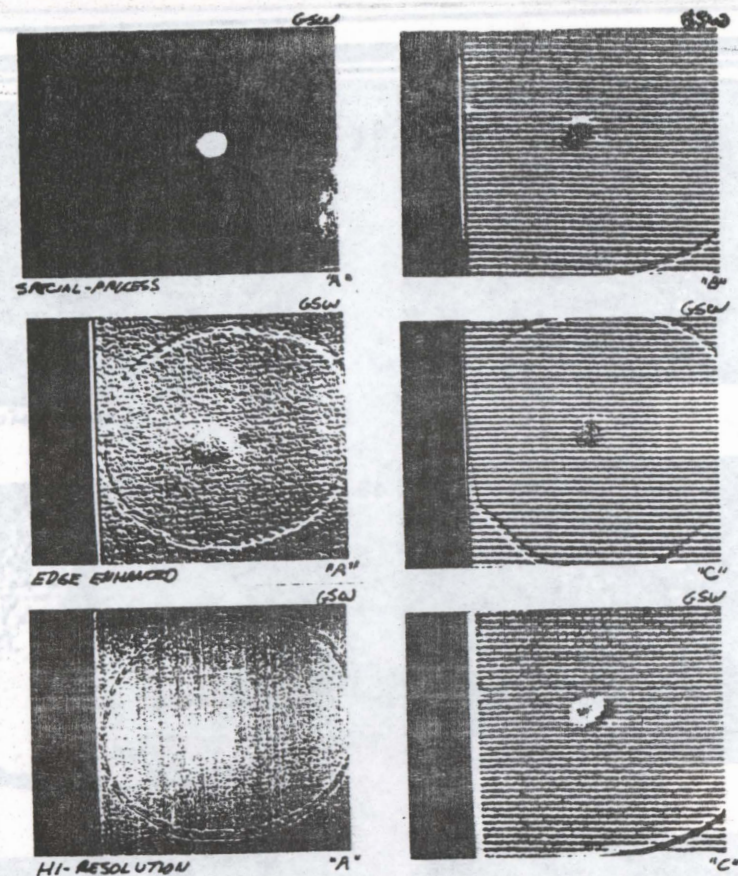
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FILTERED A1

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(Composite of frame by frame analysis.)

X_1 - Position of UI at apparent largest size (diameter)
 Y_1

X_2 - Position of UI at apparent smallest size
 Y_2

D - Diameter (average size) - L (largest size)
 L1 (smallest measured size)
 L2 (average size, within 10 percent of L)

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JULY 13, 1986 - HALLINGDALEN UI
 (UNIDENTIFIED IMAGE) CASE

Two video tapes and five (5) black & white photographs taken from the same video tape were forwarded to GSW, via Paul Norman, for computer image processing. The video tape, which runs approximately 5+ minutes, reveals a bright, ovaloid anomalous shaped image, in a featureless, dark sky. There is no visible evidence of foreground or background data points. There are numerous artifacts on the tape and photographs taken from the CRT.

To compound the analysis there appears to be considerable camera movement, since the video camera was being hand-held by the photographer.

Findings

- o The UI measures approximately .12 degrees if photographed in the zoom mode, conversely, it measures .8 degrees if photographed in the normal (non-zoom) mode, when compared to the field of view.
- o There exists no evidence of reference points in the photos or video tape.
- o There appears to be little "object" movement. The motion is attributable to camera movement caused from the photographer laying on the roof of his car.
- o At one portion of the filming the "object" is partially obscured. This could be attributable to clouds moving in front of the UI.

- The anomalous "light streak" in Photo "C1" is evaluated as a video artifact and was observed in other frames appearing without similar location, size or intensity. This image is not reported with any consistency relative to time. Reference computer Photo "C".

- There is no evidence of a hoax being attributable to the source of the UI.
- Some frame-by-frame analysis was attempted to obtain information on the movement/motion of the UI and the purported light streak. There is inconsistent data relative to the movement of the UI due to camera motion.
- The aspect ratio (physical measured size) of the UI remains constant for the duration of the filming.

Conclusions

It is our opinion that this photograph is worthy of further study to attempt to identify the origin. On the negative side, the strangeness index of the photograph is lowered appreciably because of the relatively stationary position of the UI and its constant size (at least on the VHS version of the UI filming). Critics will be quick to point out that the parameters of this sighting lead to the "object" being attributable to a bright planet. The witness stated the UI was viewed for over 2 hours.

On the positive side of the sighting both the shape and size of the "object" place it with an unknown evaluation status. The UI is not any known conventional source/phenomena.

A frame by frame evaluation has started on the image. The attachment reveals partial information about the X & Y coordinates and relative size of the UI.

Because the photographer did not image any reference points nor is a loss of UI perspective obvious, we are left with further evaluation of the images size and shape being necessary to finalize the interpretation.

Fred Adrian
GSW Photographic Consultant

William H. Spaulding
Director

The present conclusion of the video (June 1988), is that an intensive, concentrated light source with a large angular diameter has been depicted. So far, there is no evidence indicating a natural or artificial, man-made origin.

Even if it should turn out that these images do not depict any bona fide UFOs, the video may be an important contribution to illustrate how possible known phenomena appear in the sky under certain circumstances. This however, will certainly only hold true when (or if) these phenomena unequivocally are identified as such.

Furthermore, if any important information should surface, we will return to this case later on in Nordic UFO Newsletter.

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The Silver Sphere Puzzle

A massive assault by the United States Army Air Forces based in Britain and Italy last week brought the air war in Europe to a new peak of size and technique. At a season when bad weather ordinarily reduces air activity, the Eighth and Fifteenth Air Forces surpassed all previous records and in a single day sent a total of 2,100 heavy bombers and 1,150 fighters against the Reich.

From Britain, 1,800 heavies, escorted by 800 fighters, flew east in five waves stretching over 300 miles. They were manned by 18,800 American airmen; they carried 4,000 tons of explosives and incendiaries. Once over Germany, in cloudy weather that grounded the Luftwaffe and required the Americans to use electronic bombing devices, the Fortresses attacked rail yards at Frankfurt and Giessen; the Liberators bombed rail yards at Hanau. From the south, the Fifteenth's heavy bombers hit the Moosbierbaum oil refinery near Vienna.

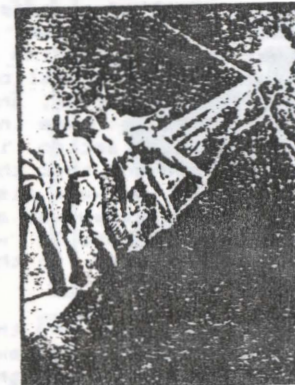
But though German defense was limited to anti-aircraft fire, the Luftwaffe was still ready for battle, still ingenious in defense. Dispatches heavily censored by Supreme Headquarters revealed that American pilots have recently encountered a new phenomenon over Germany: silver-colored spheres resembling huge, glittering Christmas-tree ornaments. Sometimes translucent, floating singly or in clusters, the balls are presumably a new form of aerial interference. Recalling the Allied and German use of tinfoil strips dropped by attacking planes to confuse radar instruments on the ground, Hanson Baldwin, military analyst of The New York Times, made this educated guess on the new German weapon: "The new 'silver spheres' might represent the reverse of this idea. Such spheres, drifting about in the sky, might interfere with and confuse the radar in the attacking planes, thus making 'blind' bombing impossible, or far more inaccurate than it normally is."

Foo-Fighter

If it was not a hoax or an optical illusion, it was certainly the most puzzling secret weapon that Allied fighters have yet encountered. Last week U.S. night fighter pilots based in France told a strange story of balls of fire which for more than a month have been following their planes at night over Germany.* No one seemed to know what, if anything, the fireballs were supposed to accomplish. Pilots, guessing that it was a new psychological weapon, named it the "foo-fighter."

Their descriptions of the apparition varied, but they agreed that the mysterious flares stuck close to their planes and appeared to follow them at high speed for miles. One pilot said that a foo-fighter, appearing as red balls off his wing tips, stuck with him until he dove at 350 miles an hour; then the balls zoomed up into the sky.

Skeptical scientists, baffled by the whole affair, were inclined to dismiss the fireballs as an illusion, perhaps an afterimage of light which remained in the pilots' eyes after they had been dazzled by flak bursts.



St. ELMO'S FIRE
Could that be it?

But front-line correspondents and arm-chair experts had a Buck Rogers field day. They solemnly guessed: 1) that the balls of fire were radio-controlled (an obvious absurdity, since they could not be synchronized with a plane's movements by remote control); 2) that they were created by "electrical induction of some sort"; 3) that they were attracted to a plane by magnetism.

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The correspondents further guessed that foo-fighters were intended: 1) to dazzle pilots; 2) to serve as aiming points for antiaircraft gunners; 3) to interfere with a plane's radar; 4) to cut a plane's ignition, thus stop its engine in midair.

Some scientists suggested another possibility: that the fireballs were nothing more than St. Elmo's Fire, a reddish, brush-like discharge of atmospheric electricity which has often been seen near the tops of church steeples, ships' masts and yardarms. It often appears at a plane's wing tips.

* Last month pilots reported that they had seen mysterious floating silvery balls, apparently another "secret weapon," in daylight flights over Germany.

Foo-Fighters

Lt. Donald Meiers of Chicago was flying a Beaufighter on an intruder mission over Germany. He was braced to meet Nazi planes or anti-aircraft. Suddenly an eerie light split the darkness around his plane. Looking up from his instrument panel, the horrified lieutenant saw two red balls of fire cruising alongside his wingtips. Thinking he had run into a secret anti-aircraft weapon, Meiers tensed and waited for a German on the ground to push a button and blow him up. But the balls merely kept pace with him for a while and then disappeared.

That was more than a month ago, one of the first times Allied fighters encountered what they now call "foo-fighters." In addition to the wingtip balls, pilots have reported two other types. One is a group of three similar balls which fly in front of their planes, the other a group of about fifteen which appear some distance away and flicker on and off. Apparently controlled by radio, the foo-fighters keep

*The name comes from the "Smoky Stover" comic strip.

formation with the planes, even when they dive, climb, or take violent evasive action. "But they don't explode or attack us," Meiers said last week. "They just seem to follow us like will-o'-the-wisps."

Probably related to the silvery balls seen by daylight pilots (Newsweek, Dec. 25, 1944), the foo-fighters so far apparently baffle intelligence officers. Possibly they are the results of a new anti-radar device which the Germans have developed. On the other hand, they may be the exhaust trails of a smaller model of the radio-controlled Messerschmitt-163, a rocket-propelled flying wing.

Day bombers have met the Me163, which has an explosive charge in the nose and is apparently designed to crash into Allied planes. When one pilot closely inspected the foo-fighters tagging him, however, he detected nothing but the spheres.

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WILLIAM MOORE'S "SECRET" FBI FILE!

The documents reproduced on pages 3-8 speak for themselves. For the information of our subscribers, the facts are as follows:

On February 1, 1988 a request was initiated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the provisions of the Freedom of Information/Privacy Act. On March 1, an initial reply was received indicating that the request was being processed. A follow-up letter arrived on April 6th indicating there would be some delay in fulfilling the request due to a large backlog. The surprise came on July 6th when an official-looking packet arrived. Inside was a cover letter which stated that a 61 page dossier had been located, that the entire file was classified "Secret" for reasons of National Security pursuant to Executive Order #12356, and that, all but heavily expurgated versions of six pages were being properly withheld under exemption B-1 of the FOI/PA. Exemption B-1 deals with information which is exempt from disclosure for reasons of National Security-- as opposed to exemption B-7 (potential disclosure of confidential sources and methods), which is more commonly encountered in personal file cases such as this.

Mr. Moore's UFO-related activities are clearly the subject of interest here. Why 55 of the admitted 61 pages of material remain classified as a matter of National Security remains a mystery. On August 3rd, an appeal of this denial was filed by letter, and on September 27th, 1988 we were informed that "the initial action in this case" was affirmed and that the appeal was thus denied. We were also informed that judicial review was an option available to us should we choose to pursue the matter in the Federal Courts.

The material which appears on the pages that follow is reproduced exactly as it was received from the FBI. The addition of the word FOCUS with appropriate page numbers are the only changes which have been made. This is the first time we have made copies of this file available to the public. We urge you to study it carefully and consider the possible implications-- then decide for yourself what it all means. FWP takes no position one way or the other, except to note that we remain quite baffled by all of this. Obviously there is plenty of fodder for speculation here. Letters from readers who might care to express their thoughts are welcome.

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September 18, 1863

Dear Uncle and Aunt (Snidow)

I this evening seat myself to write you a letter for the first one since I have been in service but you must excuse me this time and I will try an write oftener. I am well at present and hope this may find you in good health. There was something mysterious seen near Lewisburg and at different places in County. I will give you the particulars. On Tuesday the 1st of this month Mr. Dwyer a gentlemen residing near the Kanawha turnpike happened to be at a neighbors (Mr. Piercy's) sitting on the porch with Mr. Piercy's family when one of them called his attention to a body of mysterious rectangular objects moving vertically through the air just above the trees in an adjacent Sugar Orchard. These objects wre apparently about eight feet long, ~~two and a half~~ a half in width and one inch thick. They were white tinged a little with green. They moved directly North in a column of about fifty yards wide with the order and regularity of soldiers. The rear was nearer the ground than the front and consequently had to pass through the orchard. In emerging from the trees they resumed their original order and so remained until out of sight.

Immediately following but a little further west was seen a vast army of men dressed in white and moving in quick time and in as good order as soldiers on dress parade. After passing any obstacle they would resume their places in ranks. Thus passed the entire column occupying more than an hour and presenting a scene of awful granduer and sublimity to those who beheld it. Whether this be a dream or optical delusion or means used by Ammiepotence to forshadow events and to strengthen his suffering people I will not endeavor to determine. I will state however that those who know the parties will give them credit for candor, intelligence and veracity. I will now bring my letter to a close. Aunt I am much obliged to you and Lewis for the cheese and sugar so nothing more but remain with respect your obedient Nephew.

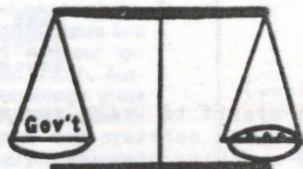
James P. Peck
PS give my respects to all my relations and Friends
James P. P...

(James Polk Peck was born Nov. 3, 1845 and died June 3, 1864 at the Battle of Gaines Mills)

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Bryant v. Justice: Another Step Toward Revealing the "Ultimate Secret"

Saying "this action might help us either to authenticate or to discount the story behind the famous F.B.I. memo of March 22, 1950, recounting how 'An investigator for the Air Forces stated that three so-called flying saucers had been recovered in New Mexico,'" CAUS official Larry W. Bryant filed a Freedom-of-Information-Act lawsuit June 1, 1988, in U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

"This latest legal action," Bryant continued, "seeks to compel the Justice Department to disclose the memo's entire contents." The memo, which the Federal Bureau of Investigation released some years ago in response to a routine FOIA request for all UFO-related records in F.B.I. possession, has the principals' identities censored, ostensibly to protect their privacy and/or confidentiality. "Those persons probably are no longer alive, and the dead have no privacy. Anyway, the public's right to know the details about such a momentous event as crashed saucers and their retrieved occupants transcends the government's desire to shield agents, witnesses, and informants from public exposure," Bryant said.

He expects it will take months for the court to render a decision on his complaint, which, because of limited legal-action funds, had to be filed without the services of an attorney.

Meantime, Bryant views this suit as a prelude to what he calls the "Ultimate FOIA Lawsuit": to gain access to all records pertaining to contact between independent TV-documentary producer Linda Moulton Howe and former USAF special-investigations agent Richard C. Doty -- said records reportedly containing formal evidence of the government's coverup of hard-core UFO data, including presidential briefing papers and film footage on the reality of retrieved UFO wreckage and alien crew members.

"For that suit we truly do need an attorney, and we welcome citizens' contributions toward retaining one," Bryant said.

NOTE: The F.B.I.-released version of the memo is reproduced on the reverse side of this press release. Does the document pertain to a hoax; or does it, like the F.B.I. memo of July 10, 1947 (in which J. Edgar Hoover notes, "For instance, in the La. case the Army grabbed it and would not let us have it for cursory examination."), refer to an actual UFO-retrieval operation and subsequent coverup?

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON
SUBJECT: FLYING SAUCERS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: March 22, 1950

Flying Saucers or Flying Saucers

The following information was furnished to SA [redacted] by [redacted]

An investigator for the Air Forces stated that three so-called flying saucers had been recovered in New Mexico. They were described as being circular in shape with raised centers, approximately 50 feet in diameter. Each one was occupied by three bodies of human shape but only 3 feet tall, dressed in metallic cloth of a very fine texture. Each body was bandaged in a manner similar to the blackout suits used by speed flyers and jet pilots.

According to Mr. [redacted] informant, the saucers were found in New Mexico due to the fact that the Government had a very high-powered radar set-up in that area and it is believed the radar interferes with the controlling mechanism of the saucers.

No further evaluation was attempted by SA [redacted] concerning the above.

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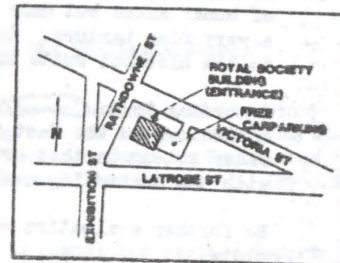
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At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered - this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

The Society had held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in General Meetings and maintains the largest U.F.O. library in the Southern Hemisphere, making books available by post, to members throughout the Commonwealth.

Membership of this Society - which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere - is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.

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